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## **A&M REGENTS REJECT PERRY PICK FOR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

**AUSTIN**—At today's Texas A&M System Board of Regents meeting, the Board unanimously voted in support of Mark Hussey as interim president of Texas A&M. The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education issued the following statement in response:

"We applaud Chancellor Sharp and the Texas A&M System Board of Regents for choosing academic excellence over politics with today's vote. Dr. Hussey's appointment as interim president of Texas A&M is a win for quality higher education in Texas and we wish him success as he takes the reigns of one of our state's premier research institutions."

### **About the Coalition**

The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education was launched in the summer of 2011 by a group of concerned citizens who believe strongly in the power of higher education to transform lives, build our economy and shape Texas' future. Formed in response to a growing concern over recommendations being floated that could have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, the Coalition hopes to advance a thoughtful, constructive and transparent dialogue around higher education in Texas, seeking to improve the quality educational opportunities for all Texans.

***For more information on the Coalition and information on higher education in Texas, please visit: [www.TexasEducationExcellence.org](http://www.TexasEducationExcellence.org)***

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